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## **SIX CANDIDATES ASSESSED CIVIL PENALTIES**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Earl Tilly, found six candidates in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Wednesday in Olympia.

Tilly found **Dennis Hession**, candidate for Spokane City Council President, to have violated state law by failing to timely report contribution deposits totaling \$24,860 and failing to report monetary expenditures totaling \$8,926. Hession was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended. The suspension of the civil penalty was dependent upon no future violations of the disclosure law by Hession for two years.

Tilly found **Jeff Sax**, candidate for Snohomish County Council in 2001, to have violated state law by failing to timely and accurately disclose information about contributions received, debts and obligations and expenditures made by his campaign. Sax was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended provided he has no disclosure law violations during the next two years.

The Commission Chair found **Jeannette Burrage**, candidate for Des Moines City Council, to have violated state law by failing to timely and accurately disclose information about contributions received, debts and obligations, expenditures and last minute contributions during her 2003 campaign. Burrage was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended provided she has no disclosure law violations during the next two years.

**Steven Towers** and **Gary Long**, candidates for Fire Commissioner in Snohomish County Fire District #4, were found in violation of state law for exceeding Mini Reporting limits by accepting contributions over \$300 from one source and/or making expenditures in excess of the \$3,500 limitation. Both candidates also failed to properly seek a change to the Full Reporting option prior to exceeding the limits of the Mini Reporting option.

Towers was assessed a civil penalty of \$150. Long was assessed a civil penalty of \$150 with \$100 suspended provided he has no disclosure law violations during the next two years.

The chair also found **Cynthia Sullivan**, candidate for King County Council, in violation of state law for failure to report orders placed and campaign obligations, in-kind contributions and for failing to provide employer and occupation information for all contributors over \$100 in the aggregate to her 2003 campaign. Sullivan was assessed a civil penalty of \$350 with \$150 suspended provided she has no disclosure law violations during a two year period.

An order of violation and the assessment of a civil penalty issued on October 6, 2003 against **Robert McConkey**, a candidate for City Council in Bremerton, was vacated by the Chair and will be re-scheduled for a future hearing.

Candidates found in violation of the public disclosure law at the Brief Enforcement Hearings may ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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